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SUBJECT: MBFR: FUTURE WORK PROGRAM

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1. ON DECEMBER 7, EMBOFF PROVIDED THE FOREIGN OFFICE (RUECKRIEGEL AND HOLIK) WITH THE ESSENCE OF PARAS 1 THROUGH 7 OF REFTEL.
2. RUECKRIEGEL STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE SPC TACITLY DEFER DISCUSSION OF THE WORK PROGRAM ITEM ENTITLED "AGREEMENT ON THE EXACT NUMERICAL LEVELS OF COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILINGS TO BE ACHIEVED FOLLOWING THE PHASE II REDUCTIONS." HE WAS SURE THAT SPC DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM WOULD LEAD TO RENEWED DIFFICULTIES WITH THE FRENCH OVER THE QUESTION OF TAKING FRENCH FORCES IN GERMANY INTO ACCOUNT IN CALCULATING THE COMMON CEILING. RUECKRIEGEL SAW NO PARTICULAR URGENCY

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ON THIS QUESTION AND THEREFORE NO REASON, AT THIS TIME, TO RISK ELICITING ADDITIONAL UNHELPFUL STATEMENTS FROM THE FRENCH IN THE SPC AND COUNCIL.

3. THE EMBASSY TENDS TO AGREE WITH RUECKRIEGEL THAT SPC DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM SHOULD BE DEFERRED. IT WOULD SEEM TO US THAT THE MORE OFTEN THE FRENCH ARE

PLACED IN A POSITION WHERE THEY MUST FORMALLY OBJECT TO OUR CONCEPT OF THE COMMON CEILING, THE MORE OUR INTERESTS ARE UNDERMINED. ALTHOUGH OTHERS ARE IN A BETTER POSITION THAN WE TO JUDGE THIS QUESTION, WE TEND TO FEEL THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE SPC ONLY WHEN IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO DO SO, AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO REAL NEED TO RAISE IT AT PRESENT.

4. RUECKRIEGEL AND HOLIK SAID THEY LOOKED FORWARD TO STUDYING THE US PAPER ON STABILIZING MEASURES AND VERIFICATION. IN THE MEANTIME, THEY ARE DOING AN INTERNAL PAPER OF THEIR OWN ON STABILIZING MEASURES. HOWEVER, THEY SAID THAT IT WAS IN AN EARLY STAGE OF PREPARATION AND THAT THEY HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS TO MAKE ON IT AT THIS TIME.
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